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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

This is a response to the Non-final Office action mailed October 5, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for response of three (3) months. A timely response thus would have to be filed on or before January 5, 2008. This response is being filed with a request for a two months extension of time (37 CFR 1.116(a) in which to response to the noted Office action. Thus the response is being timely filed on or before March 5, 2008. Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of objection and rejection, in view of the remarks herein, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Claims 12-22 and 29-36 have been withdrawn from consideration as drawn to the non-elected invention. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected

subject matter. In the most recent Office action the Examiner has objected to claim 1. In addition, the Examiner has rejected claims 1-11 and 23-28 under 35 USC 103(a). The applicants submits the following amendments to claims 1 and 3 to address the Examiner's objections and to further particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.